

## EIMS and SIF News

### Full Data Load To EIMS

The window is now open and will remain so until May 26<sup>th</sup>. The processing speed should be much better than the previous full data load. The two-tiered match criteria along with including the STI (very important) will also reduce the number of records falling into Needs Resolution.

**SIF can help. See SIF notes below.**



### Preliminary SOL Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 Are Available

All fall scores and those who have begun testing this spring are available for viewing, disaggregating, reporting and printing in EIMS.

(The Excel Disaggregator templates are not supported any longer)

Scores are “picked up” each Wednesday night and become ready and available the following Monday.

If you need help generating the reports there are recorded WebEx training/tutorial sessions for:

- EIMS Preliminary (Reporting) Categories SOL Reports – Part I
- EIMS Preliminary Subgroups SOL Reports – Part II
- EIMS Preliminary Test Results SOL Reports – Part III

You can access them at anytime at:

<https://vadoe.webex.com/vadoe/mywebex/default.php?Rnd9217=0.19804940909363255>

Click on Recorded Sessions from the menu bar on left side of the page and don’t forget to turn your speakers on!

### June 16<sup>th</sup> Release

Then engine (process) under the hood of EIMS has been beefed up and you’ve noticed that recently when processing files. It will also apply to reports as you will experience in the June 16<sup>th</sup> release.

#### *You Spoke, We Listened*

Requests to improve the usability of the report interface was something we heard time and again; therefore, it will be the main focus on the June release, although there are still a few file management goodies. Here are the changes coming:

1. Final Data will have only final data and users can view data by year. Preliminary Data will have preliminary and final data, and users can view data by test administration.
2. New name for Final Data will likely be: *Assessment Data by Year*
3. New name for Preliminary Data will likely be: *Assessment Data by Administration*
4. There will be four “Quick Click” reports with drill down (analyze) capability. This reporting is the trend that will continue. The content of the reports will be based upon answering the most frequently asked questions we obtained by interviews and surveys

of reports users. (I'll be looking for a lot of feedback on them from you all.) More to come.

5. Streamlining existing reports to improve usability.

6. Assessment Data STI Match Process to Final Data

This requires an explanation. We initially loaded four years of final SOL data down to the school level. Wouldn't it be great if we could somehow match student level information with the final school level data? Our plan is to do just that.

- Part I (June): EIMS/Pearson will automatically match whatever assessments records it can with STIs.

- Part II (November): An interface will be developed to allow divisions, probably DDOTs, the option to resolve assessment records with STIs.

(Please note: Data disaggregation of Fall 2004, Spring 2005 and Summer 2005 cannot be performed until after the June release.)

7. Past and current Alternate and Substitute assessment scores will be reported in EIMS.

8. Data Management *Alert Report* will identify student activity in multiple divisions.

9. Enhanced *Transfer Report* to identify transfer students.

10. Division controlled STI Merge capability.

11. STIs will be sent to assessment for Pre-ID validation.

### SIF Update

There are 28 SASI divisions processing State Testing Identifiers (STI) using SIF – 40 total are planned by the end of June.

Our plans for the next contract, beginning in July 2006, expect to rollout SIF to an additional 60 divisions, which will include not-yet specified non-SASI users.

#### Current SIF Benefits

- Automate obtaining State Testing Identifiers (STI)
- Full data loads are inherent in the technology (Batch process and individual student adds)

#### Future Benefits

Vertical Reporting Framework – ability of SIF to automate data requests from divisions for the purpose of federal and state reporting

The DOE SIF vertical implementation is at no charge to divisions, except for a small server to be used as the Zone Integration Server. The installation is done remotely and usually takes only a couple-three hours.

If you are interested in bringing vertical SIF functionality into your division please send me an email at: [peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov)